ARCHANGEL OF RADIANCE

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Introductory Note

Archangel of Radiance is not a Satanic work of literature. It is a reversal of Christian angelology or an alternative to Christian mythology. In this book, Lucifer ("the Bright One") retains its prime angelic position of the angel of light *par excellence* and the closest angel and bridge to the Godhead. I am Tlatoani, "First Speaker."

I speak truth.

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Lucifer Surging

Lucifer No. 1: Lucifer On A Wavelength of Surging Radiance

i

Lucifer on a wavelength of surging radiance
burns on in the heights
no flames attend his resplendence.
the silence of his burning is lambent stillness
on the piercing tongue of radiance.
Lucifer speaks light.

ii

Lucifer on a wavelength of surging radiance
has never fallen to infrared hell darkness—
yet, instead, ultraviolet,
even vibrating beyond sheer splendent white,
the brilliance of Lucifer has gone beyond the bounds
of men's desire to pierce the blinding brightness
so high does Lucifer's light shine—
the unbearable resplendence becomes well-nigh invisible.

men by stumbling have let their eyes fall,
men by mumbling have sworn darkness holds them thrall.
no, no – it is not Lucifer's fault
that minds of men grew dim and murk-bound.
the thunder has so shaken their eyes,
their hearts cannot hear the lightning singing
on high, on high, as always, on high!

Dhahran, 7 August 86

Lucifer II: Lucifer On A Wavelength of Surging Radiance II

Lucifer on a wavelength of surging radiance
dominates the domain of darkness
from the vantage of high light

Lucifer on a wavelength of surging radiance
makes inroads into the void,
fills it with light's pulsing mass

Lucifer is not stuck in this or that blackness
Lucifer is fully caught up in light
Lucifer is the pacemaker in the advance of radiance

Riyadh, 12 Feb 87

Lucifer III: Lucifer Bends Time Into Light

Lucifer on a wavelength of surging radiance
flows on over the time barrier and holds
the beacon function from the future on back.
Lucifer broadcasts on a binding beam.

for some time now, light's future,
palpable as the outline of Lucifer's form in shine,
has been with us in our present mottled darkness.
Lucifer magnetizes time with his shine.

Lucifer looms over the curvature of time
bent into the bright-raying hearts
that urge to pure unbridled radiance.

Riyadh, Oct 86 / Feb 87

Lucifer IV: Lucifer On A Wavelength of Surging Radiance III

Lucifer on a wavelength of surging radiance
burns away the static interference
and collates the colloidal cosmic dust
into categories of precipitate incandescence.
across the mind dimensions,
Angel's resplendence unblocked urges upward union
in light's coherence.

Riyadh, 9 Jul/10 Oct/87

Archangel of Radiance

Lucifer V: Archangel of Radiance

Lucifer, like the light this angel sheds,
is not an idea. Lucifer is a name
behind which whole ranges of radiant power
tense and shine in piercing pulsations.

Lucifer is the one angel whose light,
by which it is named, could not, would not, fade.
beyond the doubts of men plagued with darkness,
Lucifer is not buried or hibernating bear-like
in the winter of our hearts. the Bright
One is hard at work, bearing birth on high
to new springing sprouts of faith in radiance force
which all combine in a new weave
of luminous angelic joy—
Lucifer the Weaver, Lucifer the Conductor,
in an electrically arcing symphony of light—
hail, Lucifer!—Archangel of Radiance!

Dhahran, 7 August 86

Lucifer VI: Breaking Into Radiance

Lucifer, like radioactive elements, is unstable.
Angel keeps on flowing back into light,
keeps on breaking down
into unrestrained radiance,
into undifferentiated and unvariegated shine,
this, Angel's basal state of disintegration.

Lucifer moves from the lower into the higher,
disintegrates from the lower into the higher state.

Riyadh, Oct 86/Feb 87

Lucifer VII: Lucifer, The Blinding Mask

Lucifer, old angel, new angel,
is not fallen light.
Lucifer is bright rising light,
ever rising in flight
ever rising, ever rising, ever rising
ever rising beyond sight

at the higher pitches of heart's radiance
the luciform borders of Lucifer's purpose
dissolve in the incandescence of divine presence

Riyadh, 6-7 August 86

Lucifer VIII: Absorbed Into The Divine Darkness

Lucifer, sucked up into the indrawn breath
of the Divine Darkness, goes with the flow,
goes with the flow of searing, ice-white, black and binding
great radiance

opening from the black hole of the heart
opening into the vast void of God,
Lucifer sings the void-bending, love-blending, radiance blast.
Lucifer is gone with the song of light.

while the intergalactic wastes digest Lucifer's grace,
the light-urging void burps a new note of lumen
racing to find a place in your heart—and yours and yours.
when Lucifer is gone, it is you who'll sing
light's song of grace, radiance absolute.

Takoma Park, Maryland; 17 Feb/15 Mar 89

Lucifer IX: Lucifer, Archangel of Radiance II

Lucifer, Archangel of Radiance, is light playing
on the fine line between the angelic and the divine.
when Lucifer strips itself of name and form,
only divine shine remains,
blinding and unblinded.

the proper vision of light is light itself.
only the divine sees the divine.
nothing else is visible.
as Angel opens its eyes,
Lucifer dissolves in light.

Riyadh, 16 October 86

Prince of Radiance

Lucifer X: Prince of Radiance

Lucifer drives, yes, but no Devil this!—
this is Lucifer the Bright, Prince of Radiance
who drives from light to light
brighter and brighter, the splendence grows
thicker and thicker, more and more clumped,
denser and denser, the refulgence fills up vacuum
till it's veined with living, pulsing, radiance.

Lucifer does not sit on the throne of radiance—
Lucifer shines through from thence.
Lucifer holds sway over the vacuum blackness
for Lucifer is the domain of radiance
pressing in its living splendence,
infiltrating void with aggregating fulgence:
the angel rules with a splendent wing!

Riyadh, 10 Apr 87

Lucifer XI: Dynasty of Light

first in line in the unbroken Dynasty of Light
stands Lucifer, first radiance
to see itself in its own light,
hence: Prince of Radiance,
Sovereign Lone Rider of Refulgence

shivering inside the dark light of Lucifer,
I follow so far I lead, my bright
eye within
Lucifer's eye, my
bright hand inside the angelic glove,
the fit of radiant leading love
so tight
that I am
the angelic skin to Lucifer's hand
moving
through the fields of darkness,
sowing new seeds of light.

Riyadh, 2 Nov 86/ 20 June 87

Lucifer XII: Devil or Divine?

"Lucifer"—the name
has an enigmatic impact on the inner ear"
"deva" or "div"? "devil" or "divine"?—
"Prince of Darkness" or "Prince of Light"?—
this Age of Reason can't seem to make up its mind
so this same "Dark Age" sweeps the name under the rug.
nonetheless the shine behind the name
comes seeping down through the floorboards of the sky
and through the cracks in the brain.

the divine shine is so blinding
it is thought to belong to the chaos of darkness.
light itself is more than we can stand.
Lucifer, more tangible than visible
in a painful nimbus, belongs to light.

Riyadh, 6 Nov 86/6 Mar 87

Lucifer Resplendent

Lucifer XIII: Lucifer Resplendent

i

Lucifer resplendent in a nimbus of woven nebulae,
first had to emerge from a cocoon of muted hues,
first had to come over the horizon's curve,
first had to climb the zenith in strained radiance,
first had to induce the tissue of void to take
the graft of brilliance:

Lucifer resplendent in a halo of vacuum

Lucifer resplendent amidst the wreckage
of galaxies long burnt out and collapsed

Lucifer resplendent amidst
the growing and glowing foetal nebulae

any way you look at Angel, Lucifer is
a blaze of unrestrained brilliance

ii

Lucifer wreaks havoc on those advanced
portions of the cosmos that are delinquent
in paying back their debt to light.
the self-inflicted damage is automatic

Lucifer suffers no argument about light
none can maintain his composure under
the nonsense of unrestrained radiance
Lucifer is resplendence itself

Lucifer does not wear glory—
glory stems and streams from Lucifer.
as others wear a cloak of glory,
Lucifer is clothed in void.
Lucifer shines through.
Lucifer is the resplendence
from which radiance takes its name.

Riyadh, 20 Mar 87

Lucifer XIV: From the Other Side of Darkness (Radiance Gains Substance)

from the other side of darkness, Lucifer calls
from the other side of nothingness, Lucifer beams
so bright
        as you come through the long shadow of solid void
        that as you go blind and can't see
Lucifer in its quintessential angelic resplendence.

all the same, the spark in your heart leaps
across the rest of the vacuum gap
like lightning
contact between heart and angel is made
and then you yourself hold and emit
the angelic presence of resplendence.

after the lightning blast is grounded in your heart,
there is only angel left
on this side of darkness—
wide as nothingness, the wings
of Lucifer's resplendence spread.

radiance gains substance in Lucifer's advance.

Riyadh, 27 Mar 87

Lucifer XV: Lucifer Refulgent: Beyond the Pale

Lucifer Refulgent is an angel beyond the pale,
edged with the gray
and lunging into the black,
the very black fastness.

all angels are beyond the pale, vul-
nerable
to closing sharp darkness:
Raphael, Archangel, Earth Protector, cannot
for example, ward the earth from its own
time nova, explosion of rat-ant cannibals.

who will hail an angel when Earth is gone,
withered, dried, dead, eaten by entropy?

Lucifer does act, does act now
to secure the timeless achievement of light.

Lucifer Refulgent builds its angelic dream
in its own growing and glowing being
even now as you others are gathered live,
bodily, into Archangel's living dream of light.

Riyadh, 12 Apr 87

Lucifer XVI: Under the Spell of Splendence

Lucifer does not fall under the pall of darkness—
Lucifer casts a counterspell of splendence.

Lucifer is not a magician, no—
Lucifer is: where all magic calls "home."

Riyadh, Nov 86

Unfallen Angel

Lucifer XVII: Absorbed into the Divine Darkness II

so you think Lucifer burning, burning, burning in hell?
burning, burning, Lucifer is, but forget hell!
Lucifer is burning in love with that absolute, the Divine.
Archangel is melting into that blackhole
wherein all love-arching souls do fold, fall, and flow
Lucifer is melting into the Ocean Divine, Sea of Soul
come heaven or high water, Angel is
                already far gone,
far gone into the high tide of that Divine, Sea of Light
black radiance on black! white radiance on white!
Archangel is already there: love matched with liquid love,
fire matched with vacuum's blaze, the Divine
face to face with its own void

don't say Lucifer jumped the gun!
don't say Lucifer is late, and again late!
Lucifer, Archangel of Radiance, is always on time
to take the aweful step into divine fate
and does, does leap in love into the flameless divine blaze
void rises divine:
            Archangel is not.
                the light that is
                Lucifer, is!

Takoma Park, Maryland, 17 Feb 89

Lucifer XVIII: Lucifer Incandescent

Lucifer, Angel of Light,
mind-haunting, the one most bright!

when—that Lucifer was most luminous—
all men forgot,
the poet did not.
they thought Lucifer fallen from Heaven
but no, it was that eyes of men
fell from the bright heights of star-fire
to the earth comforts of chthonic dark desire.
Lucifer looms all the while nonetheless
high in the loneliness where Angel does incandesce

Angel's radiance rakes and seeds
the ground of seeing hearts with light

Riyadh, early August 86

(Note: This was actually the first poem written in the Lucifer series.)

Lucifer XIX: Unfallen Angel of Light (Pinnacle of Time)

i

Lucifer, Unfallen Angel of Light
from its blazing advantage of height
makes visible the pinnacle of time.

up to now this pinnacle has been invisible
because there hasn't been any pinnacle.
Lucifer the Refulgent thus creates
the pinnacle of time from his own radiance.

ii

darkness gathers around the unfallen angel,
raw material for Lucifer's light factory.
Lucifer reverses the cancer of darkness
(which only seemed to grow as light
was getting its fledgling legs
beyond their wobble in first flight
in the thick resistance of void blackness)—

Lucifer reverses the cancer of darkness:
light grows
out of control.
Lucifer's lunge is into the pinnacle of radiance.
Lucifer's plunge is into the breakthrough of light.
Lucifer's dive is into the growing point
of the Great Time-Heart's vast advance.

Lucifer XX: Magnet of Darkness

darkness gathers around the unfallen angel,
raw material for Lucifer's light factory.
Lucifer draws darkness as a corpse draws flies.
Lucifer attracts darkness as a magnet attracts iron.
darkness flows into Lucifer the Radiant
as gas expands into vacuum:
this is his constant dynamic of imbalance

darkness flows into Lucifer the Refulgent
but does not dim him
it is from the substance of darkness
that Lucifer radiates
it is from the mass of inner blackness
that Lucifer makes the transformation of radiance:
light streams out

Riyadh, 15 May 87

Lucifer XXI: Unfallen Angel of Light II

Lucifer stands as the substance of light,
a showering mass of radiance rushing.
Lucifer does not fall;--
darkness rises around the angel, arching Angel,
spins around Him until it thins to gray,
then crosses the border into blazing radiance.
Lucifer orchestrates the dance of darkness into light
with His urge, His momentum, His arching, trumping call—
with His way of throwing Self into unknown black zones
and pulling surrounding darkness in disarray
after Him into His regal friction of radiance
fraying the inner web-threads of void's nest.

Lucifer is long-established, deep-rooted
overlight. Lucifer not only shines,
shines down into darkness, Lucifer descends
down into darkness with His own being of living luminance.
in the long run, the color of void darkness is never, never,
is never in doubt. Lucifer cannot lose.
Lucifer is reigning radiance.

Riyadh, May-July 87

Lucifer Rising

Lucifer XXII: Catch a Rising Angel—And Burn!

Lucifer like a volcanic iceberg thrusting
up from the sea, shimmering with cold,
scintillant angelic light,
                the radiance
coming in a rush, whoosh!—like a waterfall,
so hot, it takes light years for you to feel
the full
        burn

you catch the angel in the heart basket
you cannot swallow with your mouth full
of light

you do not catch the angel train
at midnight
the angel train catches you

Lucifer, only grace,
has manifested to you
from a place askew to space

Washington, D.C., Dec. 1988

Lucifer XXIII: Asleep at the Wheel

there was a time when Lucifer fell
asleep at the wheel
and the Ship of Divine was swell-swallowed,
o'erwhelmed and rudderless,
as It slammed through the dreams of the great deep

when Lucifer the Bright, Transformer of Great Radiance,
dreamed Its angel-self fallen into darkness,
there was no one left to steer the formless Divine
through the trackless wastes of incipient radiance
it is only after Lucifer wakes
that the Sea of Radiance breaks
into real
shine
all else before was the headlong career of night

East China Sea, 2 June 1967
Washington, D.C., 4 Sep 88

Lucifer XXIV: Lucifer in Resurgence

Lucifer in resurgence is light rerising.
darkness falls
                to Lucifer's advance,
the moving surge of light's horizon.
Lucifer picks up fallen darkness
without breaking stride in radiance
and squeezes it into the growing edge of luminescence.
under Lucifer's pressure, darkness breaks into radiance.
Lucifer builds up the sculpture of light.

Riyadh, Feb 87

Lucifer XXV: Lucifer Hibernates in Light's Home

i

always in exile,
light is at home
even in void.

ii

when the universe is rolled up
like a pin-point rug for storage—
when the universe is rolled up
and all light is recalled home
to its hole in the void,
radiance goes into hibernation

iii

I, Lucifer, Angel of Radiance, say:
Light has already had its day, died,
come and gone and come again.
I, Lucifer, Great Radiance, say:
aeons I have dreamed in the cave of the void.
Great Bear in the sky, I
have crawled out from the winter of my
numb nothingness
and have raced with stars far flung.
I, Lucifer, will die in darkness compacted,
stir in the heart of void
and rise as light again

Riyadh, 27 Dec 83 & 13 March 87

Lucifer XXVI: To Hear the Shadow of a Stone's Grief

since Nietzsche last claimed angels' flight,
but a fraction of Lucifer's wing flap has passed.
while the news addicts were watching
the summit meeting in Reykjavik on television,
Angel's wingtips were just at their furthest high reach,
ready to come pumping down in a light blast.
"Star Wars" is no defense against the Archangel of Radiance:
Lucifer would love even a weeping stone.

light has not lost its hearing in the deepest
recesses of hearts far flung between galaxies.
Rainer Maria Rilke, will you now please rise
to hear the Angel's radiant response to your dark cry!

Riyadh, 20 Nov 87

Lucifer Leading Light

Lucifer XXVII: Lucifer in the Mines

Lucifer in the skies' mines,
shackled to matter, nonetheless shines.
Lucifer, who is the light
at the end of the tunnel, digs
deeper into black void vastness.
the shaft of angelic light expands
to fill void's expanse with its biting light.
Lucifer is the head and drill-bit of radiance.

Riyadh, 17 May 87

Lucifer XXVIII: Peeling Off the Skin of Light

Lucifer puts on its angel's name of light
and is unchanged in radiance.
Lucifer does not act the part of light—
Lucifer is the original role.
the names change, light remains
as always, but growing bright, ever bright.

Riyadh, 16 October 86

Lucifer XXIX: The Fifth Column

Lucifer is not a visible hero of light
but the vanguard, far, far gone,
the fifth column of luminescence
and cannot be seen from the manifest
advancing battleline of light's dawn horizon.
Lucifer is the growing edge of radiance,
gaining rootholds deep within the masses of darkness.

Riyadh, 20 Aug 86

Lucifer XXX: Unrestrained Radiance

i

unrestrained radiance
roves across the open main
of border-gray-to-light, luminating, void vastness—yes—
void vastness becoming luminous—
unrestrained radiance
roves across the open main of seething light,
pillaging the closed holds of darkness
of their hoards of latent light

ii

Lucifer moves easily in the deep
at one with the photomagnetic pull
of that sea that heaves itself more fully into light

Lucifer is the current that moves the sea,
the photomagnetic pull that induces the deep
to leap up out further into dark reaches
of black, spark-trapping, void
and make those realms move with the rhythms of radiance

Riyadh, 22 Oct 86/16 Jan 87

Lucifer XXXI: Beyond the Dark Ages

Lucifer is not a throwback
Lucifer is not a backlash from the Dark Ages—
all ages are dark—
Lucifer rides ahead of the ages
like a lighthouse on the breakers of time's shoreline

Riyadh, October 86

Lucifer XXXII: At the Edge of Explosion

Lucifer looms over the dawns of haunted myths
Lucifer is not the risen ghost of Hell
Lucifer is the flaring memory of the heavens concentrated
in all fireballs rolled into one and leading
straight on into the exploding present second

Lucifer was never resurrected
darkness. Lucifer is always
live light.

Riyadh, October 86

Lucifer XXXIII: Royal Ecstasy Express, Luciform

Lucifer is at the business end of the rushing, thrusting
Royal Ecstasy Express as it jumps the tracks
at the cracks between two-three dimensions.
Lucifer is the leading light, guiding
the Royal Ecstasy Express as it plows
through the darkly heaving seas of chaos unformed.
Lucifer is the form of light
that makes the dimensions of radiance
true to form.

Riyadh, October 86

Lucifer XXXIV: The Royal Ecstasy Express Pulls In

the Royal Ecstasy Express pulls in
to the cross-hair station on the trigger of radiance.
Lucifer squeezes the throttle and the Royal
Ecstasy Express jumps the tracks
in a coruscating coalescence of transcendence
in immanence.

Lucifer calls the shots
of light, pours round after drunken round.
luminance, tipsy, leaves the ground.
Lucifer calls out: "all on board
the Royal Ecstasy Express! all on board!"
light pulls out…in a torrid torrent of radiance—
light pulls out...

Riyadh, 16 October 86

Lucifer XXXV: Lucifer Refulgent II (Against the Grain of Void)

Lucifer against the grain of void
urges surd surge after surd surge
of pummeling refulgence—

the void offers the resistance of limitlessness.
Lucifer learns to go it slow therefore,
learns to turn the grain of void
into his own growing lightstream.

the tide of light is now so slow
that it is hard to see it flow
but with your brain on the grain of void
you can feel the pulse of refulgence
filling the shapeless veins of vacuum

Lucifer with conscious presence has turned
the grain of void to grow with the tideflow of light

Riyadh, 10 Apr 87/21 Jun 87

Lucifer XXXVI: Lucifer Moving Through the Spectrum

i

Lucifer moving through the spectrum
imperceptibly races out of range of visible radiance
Lucifer unwittingly loses the focusing eye
Lucifer pulls a fast one
and leaves the domain of visible radiance less lustrous

ii

Angel on the move
wards the border of darkness
with the sometimes invisible, hard-to-make-out,
although all-so-heartfelt, wall of trans-splendence
that is the peculiar mark of that angel-heart

hearts flock to the rush of light
that is Angel on the move—
Lucifer moving through the spectrum of flush-flashing hearts
Lucifer moving through the luminous sea of living light

Riyadh, Oct 86 – Nov 87

Lucifer Versus Void

Lucifer XXXVII: Rampage of Raging Radiance

Lucifer on a rampage of raging radiance
goes overboard into the prime shine
of the open main of rayance,
a sustained seething of blazing luminance

Lucifer starts a star storm
and seeds the boring corridors of your dreams,
seeds long empty corridors with perennial light:
shimmer-shine, shimmer-shine, you wake
in transport to the original garden of radiance

Riyadh, 23 Oct 86
Takoma Park, MD; 22 April 89

Lucifer XXXVIII: Tending the Garden of Darkness

i

Lucifer rakes
the cosmic sea with unrelenting fire:
the garden of darkness sprouts into flame.
radiance holds sway in the living bloom
as far as Lucifer's heart touches
aeons' distant shores of shoreless vacuum.

ii

the voidsea's whitecaps and bubble spume
dance like windchimes in Lucifer's radiance play…
allwhere the angel glows, the wind of light blows—
here where Lucifer's heart sails,
the wind of light prevails.

Riyadh, Jan – Nov 87

Lucifer XIL: Ghost Goes White With Live Light

the ghost of Lucifer, like a perverse spore,
comes alive in the vacuum wastes of void:
light sprouts, light grows, light blossoms.
Lucifer, alive in light's form, shoots out shine;
Lucifer, bright with angelic spin,
touches off fields of crystallization:
new spores of light precipitate out of vacuum
bent backwards into potential light by Lucifer's pull.

Riyadh, 20 Feb 87

Lucifer XL: Lucifer Lays Siege

Lucifer is laying siege to the void-dark
with his semi-conscious legions of light.
Lucifer cinches up the free play in the siege line
tighter and tighter every time
the cosmic dark shifts in its sleep—
this to squeeze out every inch of living light
from the dreams rising from dark the primal nothing.

Riyadh, 31 Dec 86

Lucifer XLI: The Test of Light, Light's Question, and the Egg of Void

i

Lucifer thrusts the standard of radiance
into the crush-crashing maze-mouth of darkness.
Lucifer feeds the lifeline of light
into that crunch-snapping void that eats,
chews and swallows light's unflagging advance.

Lucifer, the very angel, enters that maw
in the name and substance of radiance
this is the test:
whether there be something the void cannot digest

ii

Lucifer is the flag-carrier of light
dipping down into that primal nest of void*
with light's question glimmering and flickering:
given enough brooding in that blackness,
will something luminous hatch out?

Lucifer spreads his wings to enfold the Great Dark,
setting himself to sit out on the void's eggs.

Riyadh
16/31 Jan 87

*Cf. "I am the Great Cackler who builds his nest at the edge of sky." (Egyptian Book of the Dead, trans. E. A. Wallis Budge)

Lucifer XLII: The Egg of Light is the Void Itself

Lucifer sits on its egg of light,
the Great Cackler playing angel hen,
radiance—both unnamed and named—
radiance aching the void nest into making waves.

Lucifer transmits its brooding but luminous restlessness
but in the end, it is the void itself, all by itself,
that bursts into naked fledgling light.
it is by that inner light that Lucifer flies—
that luminance inside void's vacuum—
it is by that inside light that Lucifer rises
and rises radiant with wings substanced from void's light.

Riyadh, 31 Jan 87

Lucifer XLIII: Lucifer Sucks the Vacuum and Kindles Luminance

Lucifer leaches the darkness of its latent light
Lucifer breaches the edgeless void
and brings out its hidden bright
Lucifer coaxes light out of the darkest,
lost corners of the vacuous void

Lucifer is the foetal light
that grows out of the void's dark womb
from out of nowhere comes Archangel in radiance
Lucifer's touch of luminance
makes a place out of noplace

as Lucifer spins in traversing dimensions,
Angel gathers masses of meaning
that grow as they undergo the squeezing
that Lucifer brings gravitationally to bear on them—
masses of meaning that grow and fuse into live light,
light sources in their own right,
torque carriers and dynamo inducers of radiance,
spinning off into the new luminance networks on their own

Lucifer builds Angel's light home everywhere Angel goes

Riyadh, 21 Oct 86/Feb 87

Lucifer XLIV: Carrier of Light

Lucifer, "carrier of light," empty-handed,
carries light in his heart.
Lucifer, carrier of light's disease, abuts
the void blasts of vacuum darkness.
Lucifer, naked in nimbus and weaponless,
announces the epidemic onset of radiance.

Lucifer, the much-maligned and cursèd one—
Lucifer, the much-missed morning star—
Lucifer, the long-hidden, long-incubating white plague,
rises searing in his radiance.
Lucifer diseases darkness with light.

Riyadh, 10 July 87

Lucifer XLV: Flames of Plague

Lucifer fans the flames of plague,
the raging plague of radiance,
consuming the numbing deep-freeze press of darkness.

Lucifer infests the darkness with the climbing fever of light.
eggs of light break out in the dark in a hot sweat.
the wriggling waves of living radiance penetrate
the void darkness and, in a widening net of pulse, spread.

Riyadh, 16 Jan/10 Jul 87

Lucifer XLVI: On the Anvil of the Void

on the savage anvil of void darkness
Lucifer pounds out the substance of radiance

Archangel sings with the hard wince
of starking bright brilliance in granite growth

the flower of light has sturdy roots
in Archangel's spark-binding core

Riyadh, Sep-Oct/87

Lucifer XLVII: All Along the Curvature of Eternity

all along the curvature of eternity
Lucifer glows

all along the curvature of eternity
Lucifer sprawls—
flailing and swimming in the light stream—
coming glued and unglued
to forming and unforming light,
drowning in void's vacuum
and coming up for light's air—

all along the curvature of eternity
Lucifer sprawls and glows,
living and dying in light and void's
patchwork quicksand quilt of time.

even the killing blow gives rise to light's life:
Lucifer comes up in time for light again.

Riyadh, July/October 1987

Heart of Light

Lucifer XLVIII: Lucifer Lights Up

Lucifer ignites into flameless blaze,
incandescent eternity hearted in the radiant blood-void:
Lucifer lights up.
sky after sky on Lucifer's wavelength of radiance
unfolds with an inner glow, Lucifer's flower.
Lucifer's pregnating touch brings out
skies' subcutaneous radiance,
void's spreading spring flush.
not only Lucifer lights up.

Lucifer has an angel finger
on the radiance pulse of void's flesh.

Riyadh, Mar/Oct 87

Lucifer XLIX: From Out of Nowhere

i

out of time, out of place
Lucifer strides
from out of nowhere, going nowhere
Lucifer shines
Lucifer doesn't belong anywhere
except in the heart of light
Lucifer does not differ
from the home of radiance

Lucifer visits void after void
bringing impregnating seed of radiance
to lightless hearths inside hearts

ii

out of time, out of place
Lucifer drives
the vacuum darkness before his blast of light
from out of nowhere
Lucifer strives
to reach and squeeze
the fibrillating heart of chaos
into a concerted blaze, a laserlike
harmonic field of induced radiance

light's coherence orchestrates the darkness

Riyadh, February 1987

Lucifer L: Lucifer, Heart of Light
(This is the Business of Angels)

"Wer, wenn ich schriee, hörte
mich denn aus
der Engel/Ordnungen?"
(Who, if I cried,
among the angelic orders,
would hear me?)—
Rainer Maria Rilke, Duino
Elegies I, 1.
(Translation after J.B.
Leishman and S. Spender)

when your heart-cry rises skyward
and your heart-shriek pierces high void,
by angels' light your heart is heard,
your spectrum relayed at higher frequencies
to those hearts that thirst in futures far
for the light
through which only
they can beat

their sighs sink into the seething
pulse of Lucifer,
angelic heart of light,
and rise in Angel's tide of radiance

Los Angeles, 1981/Riyadh 1986-87

Lucifer LI: Darkness Visible (Heart of Light)*

Lucifer on long haul into night
shifts the main gear into overdrive
and drills a tunnel into the mountain of darkness

Angel meets itself coming out the other side
Angel is the sun rising at midnight

when all else sings in blithe light,
Archangel radiates in the harmonics of darkness
Lucifer's darkness is great radiance
        subsuming the shallow cycles of light and dark
Archangel is the heart of light whose home
        is the mystery wherein light starts.

Lucifer harmonizes the void with radiance ranging
from vast black to pin-point sear-white.

Archangel tenses and relaxes, tenses and relaxes
its flood-rush heart-pound of harmonic light.

Riyadh, October 1987

* "Darkness Visible:" This phrase comes from Milton's Paradise Lost and here is incorporated into the Heart of Radiance even as the Pseudo-Dionysios incorporated darkness into the concept of divinity in his classic phrase "divine darkness," for which see his Divine Theology.

Pole of Luminance

Lucifer LII: Angelic Person of Luminance

Lucifer is the angelic person of luminance
who moves and thinks in radiance.
Lucifer is the magnetic pole of luminance,
pulling bodies up to light's crackling swarm.
beyond body, Lucifer moves above and through
bodies.

Lucifer is gathered in the angelic person of luminance
and Lucifer is scattered beyond that angelic person.
Lucifer is iridescent in the future
dreams of rock molecules.
Lucifer carries
beyond the air, shooting out
in prominence
into vacuum's doom of drowning in luminance.
I carry Lucifer in my thought.
Lucifer carries me beyond my thought.
the ocean of radiance heaves.

Riyadh, March/April 87

Lucifer LIII: Lucifer Amidst the Wreckage

Lucifer picks his way amidst the rubble and rotting structures
Lucifer weaves his radiant way amidst darkling trouble upon trouble
and attempts to link darkness with light

Lucifer, amidst the wreckage, lifts its light
up and out to the deep heights of void
the wrecks collapse up to those bright heights
Lucifer pulls up the junk with inductive refulgence
and lets them reflect the light that is within
their rot

Penang/Riyadh, 1986-87

Lucifer LIV: Lucifer Above the Wreckage

Lucifer stands above the wreckage,
light blazing, light blazing, light blazing from Angel—
from Angel's skin and eyes, from Angel's heart
many years ago too late and always
many, many aeons too early
the light flows out and in
                Angel spontaneously

men thought Angel fallen
but fallen Angel has not,
not yet nor ever will
for Lucifer stands above the wreckage
exerting the life-giving blaze of radiance
imbuing darkness with spawning form
yet always trying to pull up ling'ring light
from the wrack of groaning ruin below
for new springing growth in the black soil of void

it is not that Lucifer directs the symphonic light
light cannot help but dance in tune
to the blazing pulse of Lucifer's heart
light and love cohere and coalesce
in the aortic blaze of Lucifer's radiance
light and love are but two different isomers
in the growing crystal that radiance configures
light and love are fused and bonded
into one substance-thrust in Lucifer's blood
like oxygen and iron on hemoglobin's course

Lucifer stands above the wrack of ruined light
bent out of shape in its building
assault on infinite darkness
Lucifer stands above the groaning tune of light out of phase.
from Angel's intimate incandescent touch on high
Lucifer stands as the proto-galactic sun in the tides of light
radiance ebbs and flows from Lucifer's heart,
Lucifer always exerting the pull of light's attraction
Lucifer the Bright One, Most Blinding Bright One
always pulling, pulling, pulling darkness
into the bursting blaze of incandescent radiance

even now, even now, above the groaning wreckage
the magnetic field of Lucifer's symphonic blaze
stands intact in unrestrained radiance—
always pulling, pulling, pulling up the cries into light

Penang, 16 Dec 86

Lucifer LV: Above the Wreckage II

Lucifer gets hit by flak from the ground,
all the troubles (floating and) exploding round.
Lucifer's light does not die in the night.
all that precious breathing bright
is Lucifer's touch come home to the heart.

Lucifer stands up above the carnage.
Angel's light weaves in among the soon-to-be corpses.
Lucifer's pervading radiance beaming
does harmonize all time with the cries.
this is the way light grows and grows.
pain is the touchstone from which light springs.

Lucifer gets hit by flak from the ground.
from space to space and time to time,
Lucifer's pain arches brighter and brighter.
Lucifer's radiance gathers greater phase from sky to sky.
Lucifer's home is the heart both here and beyond the skies:
the Great Time-Heart that beats out blood-void,
blood-void-shine! blood-void- shine!
the pulsing tune of blood-void shines!

Penang, Malaysia, 17 Dec 86

Lucifer LVI: Light Slides into its Place in that Face

i

Lucifer walks away from the house on fire
within are trapped howling children in the basement
they do not deserve to burn
they are caught in flame
Lucifer cannot save them
there is no blame anywhere
it is in the nature of oxygen to combust
Lucifer walks away—
years it took to close that door

ii

Lucifer does not have a new name
Lucifer has a new face,
not a face, but a beacon
that calls all place to it
new dimensions are born raging in that light

Riyadh, 28 Oct 86

* The first stanza refers to a horrible dream I had in 1963 in which I saw Satan's back but could not see his face. Note the transformation from Satan to Lucifer. The two are at opposite poles of light. Lucifer (from Latin) is the shining angel, Satan (from Hebrew) is "the Enemy."

Lucifer LVII: Magnet of Darkness II

nothing sticks to Lucifer like glue
Lucifer is all light
darkness falls
into Lucifer's gravitational radiance
and is absorbed
without a trace of shadow

Boston 26 Nov 86

Lucifer LVIII: Lucifer Not Occult (Not Hidden)

all these years Lucifer has not been stuck,
not been thrust into dark mud.
it is the myth-eyes of man, mud-encrusted,
that couldn't discern the brilliant brightness
of Lucifer's station in the heights of light's pole.

Lucifer pulls up only those eyes
that gravitated with their own radiance
to the electro-magnetic emotions of light's growth.

Riyadh, 6-7 August 86

Lucifer LIX: Lucifer in Las Vegas; First Urge

Lucifer in Las Vegas is at odds with itself
this is no wonder—the wonder is
that Lucifer, original light, survives
side by side with artificial brilliance
even in the crosswalks, with a bit of mind
you can catch
the urge of Lucifer the Bright
in all the smaller, deflecting, reflecting, lights

there are two things to light:
one--there is a start
two--there is a gathering of all light
that has been lost to darkness in dissipation and scattering
Lucifer is the point
where all lost light gathers
to its first urge
Lucifer is the first urge

Las Vegas/Michigan: May/June 1988

Lucifer LX: Lucifer Re-Orients the Universe

Lucifer's stuck
in an elevator that won't go up
but
only goes ever on down.

Lucifer digs into its angel heart and knows
to shine, shine, ever shine.

Lucifer is like a mineshaft in the void—
the deeper down, the brighter by contrast, Archangel!

Lucifer does a half-flip and lifts its angel self
up the void's throne-drenched peak.
Lucifer turns
and re-orients the universe.
where Archangel shines in pristine brilliance
is the void's furthest—
and nearest—upmost height.

all hearts in the void are home to light.

D.C./Takoma Park 9 April 89

Light-Pressure

Lucifer LXI: Light-Pressure

Lucifer's shine comes rushing down the mainline,
raining flush-flood radiance in a mythic push
piercing right up through the surface of darkness
into the real time line of light

the surface tension cannot hold forever
under the pressure of Lucifer—
darkness breaks.
the mainline of light floods the sky of time

Riyadh, 7 Nov 86

Lucifer LXII: Lucifer Engagé

i

Lucifer engaged in combat with that
blanketing blackness
wields his being of light as total thrust,
total piercing prominence in expansion.
Lucifer Engagé does not step down
from his commanding position of blossoming effulgence.
Lucifer bears down on darkness
with the total momentum of his being of light.

ii

Lucifer Engagé
commited in his off-balance motion
to light's thrust forward:
day about to break
day about to break
day about to break
day about to break
in upon darkness resident in void.
Lucifer holds the tension of vibrant light
as it pulses in its effulgence.

Lucifer involved in light
coming to a head:
dawn about to come
dawn about to come
dawn about to come
to the cosmic dimension of darkness

Lucifer Light tenses in pent-up momentum.
darkness thins to a diaphanous skin.
dimension of darkness at the edge of collapse…
Lucifer Light coming to a head
tenses at instant of impact
darkness is thrust over its own edge
and falls burning, being absorbed
in Lucifer's growing body of light.

Riyadh, 15 May 1987

Lucifer LXIII: Body of Radiance

i

perhaps
the primal darkness was so thick
that the void rubbed itself
and Lucifer sprang to light

not knowing
the self-imposed task
yet to come

ii

Lucifer is the body of all-light

all light is collected in the form
that is Lucifer's motion
towards incorporation of darkness
dancing to the pulsing throbs of wavelengths
interweaving and holding together the body of radiance
that is Lucifer in motion towards himself

iii

the light at the end of the tunnel of darkness
grows larger as light like acid eats away
the tunnel walls. when the blockage collapses
and the walls go, light breaks through everywhere
all at once

all at once
the darkness that is Lucifer's origin
is inside the light that is Lucifer's life

Riyadh, April/June 87

Lucifer LXIV: Lucifer Not a Ghost

Lucifer does not float above an open grave
like a bat hanging from the walls
of an ash-thick abyss—
Lucifer stands in the crack of your mind's sky
light streaming, light streaming, light streaming from him

Lucifer does not croon like a waisted waif
in the swamp by the village edge
over some lost struggle of love—
Lucifer bugles Angel's coronal coruscations
shimmering all along light's marches with the dark

Lucifer does not jerk in quasi-paralysis
in a wake-dance around a smoldering cremation pile—
Lucifer leaps in one easy motion
from a million leaves and trees all at once
Lucifer in green luminescence bursts into the sky
and holds the ground firm with Angel's lightning roots

from downstage center, in a growing ground-swell of light
Lucifer moves into the heart of the audience
Lucifer is live
Lucifer is live light

Riyadh, 31 October 86

Lucifer LXV: Wipeout in Radiance

Lucifer, indistinguishable on a field of white;
Angel, swimming, is a sea of light.
the wing strokes are blinding but lost
in Angel's blazing blast of radiance

this is a desert for darkness
nothing black grows around Angel's blast

in an environment of total light, Lucifer,
Archangel of Radiance, is invisible
in the phototropic flow of light's ocean glow

on a sandbar of time you struggle
to keep your feet
you have no shore at your back
you face the growing radiance
waves of light come crashing over you
and now here comes Lucifer surfing
but lost to sight in a nimbus of light
you are knocked out hot as Angel runs you down

next you wake and Lucifer is using
your heart as a surfboard
to ride the radiance beyond vacuum's void
Lucifer moves with you
to extend the home of light

Riyadh, 19 Nov 87

To Become Angel

Lucifer LXVI: In a Sudden Scintillance

in a sudden scintillance
where the clouds of the mind part
Lucifer the Brilliant is glimpsed from a distance
like an eagle in lofty glide
far above the mountain brink on which you stand

like a waterfall plunging from the sun,
the magic happens like a thunderclap:
light rises from the sky in your heart
you wear the wings of Lucifer

Riyadh, 3 November 86

Lucifer LXVII: Heart-Master of Light's Mystery

Lucifer, Heart-Master of Light's Mystery,
presides over the angelizing of your darkness

as you look up into light's pull
darkness drops:
now you see mystery live as blood-light surges round you
the tide of Lucifer is in flow
it is the angel hour in your heart
shining whir of angel light lifts your life

Takoma Park, Maryland; April 1989

Lucifer LXVIII: Lucifer in a Black Hole

like a genie trapped in a black hole,
Lucifer, Archangel of Light, cannot help you
unless you rethread that hole with your own drill.
slowly with the sympathetic pull of your own heart,
you tap the immense reserve of root radiance
and the light gushes out. Lucifer engulfs
and enfolds you as the black hole turns white.

Dhahran, 7 August 86

Lucifer LXIX: Archangel in Eclipse

Lucifer, stalled in eclipse,
tries to get the internal angel to shine

Archangel is in void's shadow
and can't get the dynamos turning
to light

on the dark side of Divine
Lucifer is pulling with angelic might
all, all, to turn to light

the absence of radiance makes
Archangel's effort seem slight
yet all this darkness will seem a dream
when the universe of fulgence inside you wakes

the other side of void's coin
is the light which cannot be filled
Lucifer turns the corner
in alliance
with the nothingness of your radiance

Delmont, PA 5 July 88

Lucifer LXX: Archangel Reharnesses its Load of Light (Ecstatic Angelic Attack)

Lucifer attacks by ecstasy—
the sudden flood, the instant strike of light
that carries you right now out
of all context

the angel within you strides
all in one step
as far as your heart can see
and then bends the horizon of sight
and carries your heart to the other side

Lucifer attacks by ecstasy
you lose yourself in the onslaught
and find an archangel rising out your backbone
you are extended up in angelic transport
yet nonetheless it is you who carries
Archangel Lucifer and its load of light.

here where you used to churn
Archangel rests its luminous wings
in the easy chair of your heart

silently your heart
is heavy with the weight of radiance
slowly slowly Archangel blazes from within
you in a steady rhythm
you settle into the archangel
who settles into you

Shiraz, Iran, 1977/Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1987
(Note: This poem is a reworking of the focal experience of *The Archangel Commands Your Rapture!*)

Light Transfusion

Lucifer LXXI: Lucifer in the Sudden Power of Waking

in the dead of night
Lucifer wakes like sunrise
light flies from Angel's eyes
Lucifer needs no wings
Angel's heart is off the ground
all who feel Angel's radiance
are transfused with transport
the connection between hearts is made
with sparkling luminous bonding
the fibrous root system of light spreads
Lucifer has irrigated the dark heartlands
the new blood flows like tides of light

Riyadh, 4 Sep 86

Lucifer LXXII: Loss and Rebirth of Gloss

as the ages flick past,
the magic
sheen on Lucifer's wings
seems to show less shine—

or is it that the lead cataracts
on my eyes do crackle and spread
like weights or scales on a deep-sea diver
of some Jupiterean methane ocean?

it is almost as if Lucifer's luster is frozen…
when wham! crack! thunder!—
my eyes are born nova again
and I, with my own
light, can see
(light can see!)
the archangel once more
stretching the light through heart after
vacuum-filled heart and transfusing
them with light's glowing blood.

Riyadh, Sep 87

Lucifer LXXIII: Lucifer Moving Through the Spectrum II

Lucifer moves across the loosely defined zone
between visible and invisible light
Lucifer's shine has grown
so bright the brain can't make out the radiance
Lucifer for awhile is lost to sight

Lucifer is never lost to the heart
that urges to fusion with the solid ocean of luminance

Riyadh, 21 October 86

Lucifer LXXIV: Transplanting the Song of Light

the symphony of light that is the song pulse
in the bright blood of Lucifer,
Great Angel of Radiance,
takes off an asymptotic rising ride,
making a break for an infinite crescendo of splendence

unbearable are the harmonies of symphonic radiance
being transplanted in heart after heart
by Lucifer, Gardener of Thriving Light

Lucifer dips into his own heart to pick out
the new harmonics to transfuse in heart after heart
in the growing great symphony of radiance

Riyadh, Christmas 86

Lucifer LXXV: Stab and Graft of Radiance

Lucifer's long-reaching stab of living radiance
transfuses the heart of darkness
Angel with blazing luminance
is always of a piece with darkness,
hence the graft of radiance onto black void
takes and takes and takes in living blaze

Riyadh, 18 July 87

Lucifer LXXVI: Lucifer on Beam

Lucifer holds the beacon function
all along the border
between light visible and invisible
the junction is a jumping-off point
for the heart making for the domain of transradiance
and union with the ocean within

Riyadh, 19-21 October 86

Lucifer LXXVII: On the Pinnacle of Ecstasy

on the piercing pinnacle point of ecstasy,
Lucifer does not smile;
Lucifer shines

with communing light does Angel move
from fog-heart to fog-heart
from sunspot to sunspot's jet-dark groove
does the holygraph brightly write

from cave to cave on galactic shores near and far
does Angel with the blank darkness urgely spar
and where light does lap those shores with itch-itching for
light's life, luminous shine does Angel there implant
and nurse with dynamo's whirling fierce infusing glow

throughout that vast, that impalpable black distance
that here does sleep, and sprawl—and here and here—
fog-heart after fog-heart blooms
in Angel's transfused bloodlight

Riyadh, 16 Nov 87/Wash., D.C. 15 Apr 89

Harmonizing Light

Lucifer LXXVII: Struggle in Twilight

between the two sides twain of twilight,
the gloom and the gloam,
the Archangel Lucifer broods
its angel blood is half-
        addicted to the dark
and half-
        addicted to the light

Angel struggles with void's cold turkey
Angel has tremors of blackouts
and Angel can't shake, shake,
                shake off the dark call

Angel struggles with its sense of loss,
                loss, loss of light.
in the bleak blank void of lightlessness,
Lucifer knows to its heartcore
        when darkness grows and light is missing—
Angel can't live without the heart-surge of radiance

between the two sides twain of twilight,
Archangel struggles to live with its spots

Riyadh, Nov 87/Washington, D.C., July 1988

Lucifer LXXIX: Lucifer Confused

a white blaze of unresolved light-lumen
is the confusion that is Lucifer emprisoned
in the infinite pit that is the very vault of heaven—
emprisoned, yet free to transmit light sideways
from intellect straight out of infinite space—
                straight out of the dimension of space—
Lucifer is free withal to transmit and be
transformed, trans-
                formed entire
                in and out
of light phase of the Great Time-Heart
that both fibrillates and beats in solid state.
all this double being is Lucifer Radiant,
ancient Archangel of Radiance,
anciently troubled, anciently radiant,
whose wings shake the arch of space
with their thundering rush of light.

Lucifer struggles in and out of the resolution of radiance
Lucifer struggles in and out of angelic phase
the double angel struggles in and out of the prison of space
the flicker-flak of white and black holes
superimposed on each other
form the chords of Lucifer's work song

in mid-flap, Lucifer gains
a harmonic edge on the dark
spaces in the chord progression of radiance
and flows on out of the fusion furnace of being
in a new alloy of light

Riyadh, September 1987

Lucifer LXXX: Angel Alloy

struggling to burn free from the substance of darkness,
Lucifer is light alloyed to void's night
it is this mixture that makes the burning pain
it is this mixture that makes light move
it is this mixture that makes light live
Angel's pain is voidshine

Washington, D.C.; August, 1988/-
Takoma Park, MD; May 12, 1989

Lucifer LXXXI: Vanished Angel

the obscure angel blends
into twilight's gray
it is at home in neither
night nor day

its wings thunder voiceless messages
from one void to another
an iridescent rainbow spans the meaning
of essential nothingness from one eye-pit
to the other pit. it broadcasts
growing love from its crystal-wrinkled smile

the obscure angel flashes in suspended streaks
space screams at the strain
but twilight muffles the murder of spirit
the obscure angel blends back
into the gray crack
between your day and my night
the terror in the air is temporarily ruffled
under the obscurity of angel wings
the blind third eye can smell it nonetheless

Los Angeles, 1982 (?)

Lucifer LXXXII: Lucifer Listing

i

Lucifer lists on a sea of muck-drilled turbids
Lucifer is awash in the swirling chaos of darkness
Lucifer cannot get the wave currents coherent

rumors of deep wells of light beneath
the ocean's surface abound

Lucifer can't get a grip on the slip
-pery turbid
Lucifer rolls
out of control
and begins to go
under

ii

as Lucifer sinks, Angel rolls
the old oceans together
in Angel's flaming eye-glow of presence,
rolls them into a flexible
fusion-structure of living radiance

Riyadh, Feb/Jun 87

Lucifer LXXXIII: Lucifer Breaks Up

Lucifer breaks up
        into the harmonics of light
reds and greens and ultravermillion
        branches of veining growth
chords of lumen rethreading translucent lumen
the rocks that grip consciousness
        are gathered up bodily
        into the rainbow air of Lucifer's light

Lucifer does not come down at rainbow's end
Archangel arcs off in an expanding curvature
Lucifer filters through lumen's root system

all along the outer reaches of vacuum
Lucifer's song of lumen
                grows with the weave of the radiance stream

PSA Flight 1925
LAX/SFO, 8 Dec 86

Lucifer LXXXIV: The Bowstring of Possibility

Lucifer stretches the bowstring of possibility
and plays the flex with pulsing radiance.
the wavelengths of light gather black holes in their troughs.
Angel dances on the peaks of those
harmonics, those converging bloodlines of light.
Lucifer's wings love those black holes bitter-sweetly.

Lucifer stretches the bowstring of possibility.
darkness is gathered in, but out flies light.
Lucifer digests obscurity in its soup of void
and excretes some sort of bitter-sweet radiance
in an amalgam not identified yet, except
it's a form that has leapt
higher on the melodic scale of lumen.
Lucifer plays on…
Lucifer plays on light.

Lucifer gathers in the holes on their strings
and pays out the dancing bloodlines—
harmonizing in higher and wider forms—
those converging bloodlines of light.

Riyadh, 13 Nov 86

Lucifer LXXXV: Light's Fibrillation

i

in a cold shudder of doubt,
Lucifer's light spectra fibrillate.
the edge of Angel's incandescence is chilled.
under the hovering black patches,
                Angel is in trouble.

ii

Angel is the hammerstroke's shockwave of radiance.
writhing light-blind through the dark solid
anvil of void,
Angel must scream to see its own spectra
separate
        and re-fuse through
the full black ecstasy of being,
the convulsive convergence of colored sorrows.

Lucifer re-rises in scintillant splendence
from the upthrust throne of harmonic anguish.

Riyadh, 16 Nov/87/Wash., D.C.
14 Oct 1988

Lucifer Luciform

Lucifer LXXXVI: Lucifer, Light Most Bright

i

Lucifer, "Bearer of Light;"
Lucifer, "Morning Star:" Angel-Who-Announces-Light—
these are ancient tones of Angel's name.

Lucifer, Light Most Bright—
what's in a name?

Lucifer is not Prince of Darkness
nor ever was…
Lucifer is Prince of Radiance,
first light, light beyond the name.
when the angel face burns off,
skinless brilliance, unbridled and unbearable,
beams.

ii

the archangel commanded your rapture
and yes, like a magnet, commands it yet!

you ride the light waves in the photosphere,
the home domain of radiance in ocean.
the angel is the heaving liquid sea of light.
you, with word in eye, are tide of light.

what's in a word?
what's in an eye?
what's in light?

the word claims beyond the name.
naked radiance reaches
its own form…

Lucifer, the first form of light:
luciform, whose only form is light.

Riyadh, 18 October 86

Lucifer LXXXVII: Lucifer Luciform

Lucifer, ancient Angel of Radiance:
Lucifer Luciform: whose only form is light:
this is Lucifer: first angelic hint of radiance
who bespeaks the true transdawn
and comes into his own future of luminance:
the darkness has taken the hint and moves
with an inward sexual glow into the full bloom
of Lucifer's long-fed, slow-taking blaze.
the darkness takes the hint and moves with Lucifer
into the furnace-fusion of radiance and space:
light gathers form in time.
Lucifer penetrates
the darkness of time. therein his glow takes hold.

Lucifer Luciform, ancient Angel of Radiance,
fills his form with incipient light
and presses it with his internal gravity
into active living brilliance
bounding out beyond
bounding out beyond
out beyond his only form of light.
Lucifer's light gathers other forms and trans-
forms them into his network of pulsing resplendence.

Riyadh, October 86/May 87

Lucifer LXXXVIII: Building Radiance

i

Lucifer is not a matter of resurrection of a curse;
Lucifer is leading light down the mainline
of the Great Time-Heart's arterial expressway:
no stops, no exits, no blind curves.
once the light is rolling
millions of years ago,
it seems to pause only in delirious self –doubt
only to roll on out,
its momentum unslowing in the rocking cycle
as it gathers darkness and forms it
into structures of dynamic radiance.
Lucifer has always been the builder.

ii

no one comes gunning for light,
but there is an angelic struggle
and it is this: Lucifer swims
Angel's way to consciousness of luminance
and builds the wave-steps
in the ocean of radiance
by naming each form of light,
and by naming, making.
Lucifer builds up light step by step
only as Lucifer makes itself light, wave by wave.
Lucifer is the pulling tide-master
in the great ocean of radiance.
Lucifer names itself the pulse-master
in the Great Time-Heart.

Riyadh, October 86

Lucifer LXXXIX: Lucifer, Lungfish of Light

i

Lucifer spans the littoral limning light
Lucifer is the bridgehead and beachhead
for the swell of the ocean of radiance riding up
onto the land of darkness,
impregnating it with light,
impressing it with the form of radiance

ii

breathing in the choking dark,
exhaling living shine at every breath,
Lucifer crawls with wings of light aloft
onto the chaos that borders radiance's form

at the edge of void, Lucifer takes off
light streaming from every thunderclap of wingflap
Lucifer roots into the vacuum with lumen's
light-forming, light-arranging, pulse-wave of radiance

at the unspoken commanding act of Archangel
even the void is ordered into th'array of radiance

Lucifer inducts the darkness into the living
host of light
Angel throbs with the thronging
pulse of brilliance

as the form of radiance sweats as it eats
the chaos of darkness
Lucifer casts
the darkness into a new role
Lucifer releases
the disease of darkness into the curing radiance

Riyadh, Oct 86 & Feb 87

Lucifer XC: The Heaven Form

the hounds of hell tamed in, reined in, radiance—
Lucifer keeps them on short leash
as he leads the pack over the horizon of form
into the heaven form, the form of light itself.
imbued with Lucifer's leading radiance,
the hell hounds, transformed, glow in luciform.

Riyadh, 23 Dec 86

Lucifer XCI: Hunting Horn of Light

burning away the darkness surrounding the hearts,
the hunting horn of light on the far horizon sounds,
Lucifer in the lead,
the hounds of hell tamed in radiance
and breaking away from the solid pack of glacial dark.

darkness falls away as they speed as light speeds,
Lucifer a flashing crack in the universe.

as the angelic wedge spreads,
light precipitates into solid radiance.
Lucifer gathers the crystals of skylight into his eye.
the hunt is complete:
a new form of light has been found;
a new form of radiance is create.

Dhahran/Riyadh, August/November 86

Lucifer XCII: Light is First Form

i

light is making itself
light is making itself heard
light is gathering itself from darkness
light is gathering its song
from the sharp edges of darknesses
scraping and screaming against each other
light is squeezing itself out
from between the masses of unformed darknesses
pressing against each other

light sticks its head out from chaos
and names itself light
light is first

ii

Lucifer is not warmed-over darkness
Lucifer is the first light leaping
from the explosion as masses of darknesses
collide unknowingly, formlessly into and through
each other
Lucifer Light throws Itself across the universe
and shows Itself the un-nature of darkness

the Creator is creating Itself
name It Light, name It God,
name it Lucifer, name It the Great
Time-Heart—whatever Its name,
It is shining Its way into being.
Lucifer stands alone, first,
there is no other being.

Riyadh, 16 October 86

Lucifer, The Last Bridge to Cross

Lucifer XCIII: So Far Gone in Radiance

i

Mani had it wrong:
darkness cannot attack light.
Lucifer is so far gone in radiance
that everything Angel touches turns to light
Lucifer is that wedge, that impossible
goodness and radiance, that breaks
the darkness into horizonless heartshine

ii

if the universe is a pool of darkness,
Lucifer is a wave of radiance
spreading ever wider to the outer darkness
soon Lucifer will pass though you
leaving a trail of solid radiance
you will be one and the same
as the substance of light

Takoma Park, Maryland
October 2, 1993

Lucifer XCIV: In A Constant State of Love
(Lucifer Enfolds the Darkness)

Lucifer enfolds the darkness in a caress
Angel rocks the void to sleep
like a baby released in a nest of light
the yawns have no limits to hedge them in
the holes cannot get lost as they fall in

when the void wakes up
it wears wings on its breath
the void grows eyes that shine in love
where Lucifer passes, the wonder of light sprouts
where Lucifer passes, the love of light glows
Angel touches off light's spring wherever it goes

Takoma Park, Maryland
October 2, 1993 and May 15, 1994
and Dewey Beach, Delaware
April 16, 1994

Lucifer XCV: Double Angel, Double Agent

Lucifer, double angel of darkness and radiance
Lucifer, double agent of void and solid luminence
in mind in space in mind

at the horizon of light
one wing is in the full blaze of shine
one wing is in the nebulous gloom

the void is splotched with light's disease
the darkness is not even in its depth
Lucifer is the herky-jerky carrier
of light through time's skies
in mind in time in mind

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1987
Eastern Shore, Lake Michigan, 1988
Takoma Park, Maryland, 1992

Lucifer XCVI: Socked in Solid

i

Lucifer, socked in solid, locked in tight,
can't seem to make the break into light,
a stellar lode stuck in the white dwarf mode.

this is not the hallucination that gripped Virgil,
not the traitor-eating monster that Dante saw---
this is the egg of light fuming inside the smoky mirror,
it is misconception, not ice, that holds Archangel
to idle and sputter

only when
the baggage of the idea of "the good"
                is streamlined
to the shine of transcendence
will Lucifer fly
as light
inside
your mind

ii

Lucifer, socked in solid, locked in tight,
can't seem to make the break into light,
a stellar lode stuck in the white dwarf mode.

but in time the darkness grows more dense
the supreme compaction of solid darkness
kicks off
                a new ignition, now a combustion

Lucifer, once under the press of darkness,
explodes into light, full light.
and as Archangel goes nova,
you feel the gravity of light taking hold
in the vacuum-studded chaos inside
your mind

now the lines of light enfold
the pits of void with love.
in the deepest pit wherein you fall
you are caught by, and transfused
into, a pulsing net of light:
welcome inside Lucifer!

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, March 18, 1987
Takoma Park, Maryland, 2/90 & 7/11/92

Lucifer XCVII: Socked in Solid (II)

Lucifer is socked in solid
but not like Dante's vision of Satan,
trapped in ice at earth's core, hell-held---
Lucifer, Angel, nay Archangel of Light, first—
first and prince of great radiance, O Lucifer!
how fallen!
Lucifer is socked in solid, tropic, local matter
Lucifer is socked in solid matter

O to return to the white radiance of the pole!
--but angels must work from where they are
Lucifer, stuck in tropic steaming mud,
pulls with the radiance inside to pole's blow

there is a commotion in the muck where Lucifer is stuck
the wind of light is rising where Angel urges
the white radiance of the pole gathers to Lucifer
the surging, radiant pole gathers to Lucifer's glow:
the pole of light is where Lucifer shines

Takoma Park, Maryland
December 29, 1990

Lucifer XCVIII: Lucifer Prince of Radiance (II) (Light is the Law)

Lucifer the Refulgent, Prince of Radiance,
with its angelic press of brilliance,
nonetheless somehow got mixed up with darkness,
yes, got tangled in the twining bloodline,
of the chthonic black-mess

Lucifer the well-named, guerilla leader of light—
Lucifer, leading living point of th'angelic wedge,
angelic shaft of brilliance driving
into the throbbing salient of darkness,
is thereby contaminated with the murky suckholes,
gloom-fibered vacuums, that it attacks.

the disease of darkness spots the angel
as some ancient pox that pitted the sun.
the Prince of Radiance turns from phase to phase,
burning off the rabied pits of dark's disease---
it is with the prominences that leap from Angelic mind
that the refulgent corona is regained

among the black vacuums that crowd, suck,
and claw the little ones of light,
Archangel does not rest its case,
does not spare itself the feverish touch of relapse:
light is the law
        but the court is diseased.
to maintain its reign, its domain,
Lucifer, Prince of Radiance, must wade
through the muck to prune the pox-pitted blaze.

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, April, 1987
and Eastern Shore, Lake Michigan,
June, 1988

Lucifer XCIX: Heart-Master of Light's Mystery

Lucifer, heart-master of light's mystery,
presides over light's amoeboid rising in the void

Lucifer, heart-master of light's mystery,
presides over the spinning of light's threads—
filament by filament, color by color—
Lucifer is surprised by the tensile strength of light
under the heavy weight of darkness

Lucifer, heart-master of light's mystery,
weeds out the threads of darkness
that have taken root downstage
in the skein of mind
lest light not have the first undivided say—
Lucifer guards jealously light's first strike

Lucifer, heart-master of light's mystery,
knows that ultimately darkness cannot be silenced
the cosmic task is to win over the dark *en bloc*
and let, unfettered, darkness speak for light—
let darkness speak for light

Washington D.C., Aug. 88 and
Takoma Park, MD, Jan. 90 and 4 Oct. 91

Lucifer C: The Last Blur

Lucifer, the last blur up
Lucifer, the last blur in light
Lucifer, the last blur-blip in white form
and black form and solid color form—
Lucifer, the last blur
beyond…is divine

put your foot in the stirrup…
up you go!
now you are Lucifer
fly!
now you are last blur
now you are gone

Takoma Park, MD, 3 June 90

Lucifer CI: On The Runway of Light

here you are
you are on the runway of light
you start in deep darkness
now you step up
you put your feet into the stirrups
you are Lucifer
now you step up into full light
you are Lucifer

now you step up
into full light
you are Lucifer
now you are gone

you are full light

now you are here

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